



**Date:** May 14, 2004  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF May 13, 2004  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman  
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair  
Mike Reed  
Holly Carpenter  
Randy Crawford  
Bradley Whyte

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau  
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Dennis Eschen, Manager, Planning & Devel.  
Jack Belden, Supervisor, Marine Maint.  
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD  
Sue Prell, Sergeant, Marine Patrol

Commissioners Absent

Mike Malbon  
Harry Hutton

Guests

Martin Arroyo, Marine Patrol Sgt.  
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette  
Joe Segura, Press Telegram  
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA  
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA  
Avonne Gravel, Admin. Analyst, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
Justin Rudd, Dog Zone advocate  
Ted Kuhn

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

**ROLL CALL**

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- The April 8, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The annual marina customer telephone survey was reviewed by Mark Sandoval. He discussed a question new to this year's survey, noting that on pages 57 and 58 of the survey, response by customers indicated that, if necessary, they would prefer services to be reduced in priority order.

**It was moved by Commissioner Whyte and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC receive and file the Marina Survey. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mark Sandoval reported on the Dog Zone Program. He requested support from the MAC to extend the pilot program through the summer. This will allow one summer's worth of data to be recorded.

Mark Sandoval noted that the hours of operation had been extended. He stated that Lifeguards are seeing an increase in incidents involving dogs, and mentioned that delegates are trying to enhance the Ambassador Program.

One issue of concern is owners letting their dogs off the leash on the parking lot side of the bike path. Justin Rudd said that owners are being advised of this problem, however, they are ignoring the advisals. He remarked that signage is not adequate.

Mark Sandoval said that more signs would be posted to better delineate the Dog Zone.

Mark Boone stated that the program is supposed to be self-policed. He said that a child and a biker were attacked. Dogs have also attacked wildlife. He stated that Lifeguards are beginning to deal with too many issues regarding the Dog Zone on busy weekends.

Commissioner Crawford stated that this program is a privilege, not a right, and that users should control their dogs.

Mark Sandoval said that vocal critics have been highlighting risks associated with such a program, and that the Department is looking at possibility hiring a consultant to do a risk assessment.

Commissioner Reed was not in favor of using City monies to hire a consultant. He thought research had already been done.

Mark Sandoval asked for support for an extension of the program for three months.

**It was moved by Vice Chairman Miller and seconded by Commissioner Whyte that the Dog Zone Program be extended for another three months. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Marina Operations Report**

Doug Parsons gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of April.

- Doug stated that, due to the need to maintain vacancies for the rebuild, the Marine Bureau is nearing the "below budget" mark.

### **Maintenance Operations Report**

Jack Belden gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of April.

- Marine Maintenance completed 317 requests for service during the month of April.
- A new section of bike path has been installed connecting the Elliot bike path with the perimeter sidewalk on the north side of Marine Stadium.
- Chairwoman Spence stated that the re-landscaping of restroom 10N in Marine Stadium looks excellent. She would like to see similar planting done at other restroom locations. Jack Belden said that he would pass the information on to the Landscaping Division supervisor.
- Vice Chairman Miller asked Jack Belden to thank Jeff Edwards for changing the Beach Measurement graph. It is now much easier to read and understand.

### **Marine Safety Report**

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of April.

- 450 individuals have signed up for the Junior Lifeguard Program.
- Lifeguards are expecting 2,000 people to attend the Junior Nationals Competition at the end of July.
- Marine Safety has received a grant for the purchase of an underwater remote camera, a dive vehicle with its own compressor, and the replacement of all dry suits and the purchase of extras.

- The Kite Sailing Ordinance has been completed.
- The Motorized Vehicles/Apparatus Ordinance on the Bike Paths has been completed.
- An agreement with Chevy has been finalized for the purchase of eight vehicles.
- Two rescue boat engines were lost last month due to de-lamination. The company who built the engines will replace them at no cost to the Department, and Fleet Services will not charge for reinstallation.
- Swift water re-certifications have been completed.
- Provisional upgrades have been completed.

### Marine Patrol Report

Marine Patrol Sergeant Sue Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of April.

- Thomas Keleher has been selected to be the new LBPD Sergeant over the Marine Patrol Division.
- Two Marine Patrol Officers will be attending the LBPD Academy.
- On May 25, eight Marine Patrol Officers will be receiving awards at the Annual Long Beach Police Department Awards Luncheon.

### Executive MAC

- All items covered.

### Operations Committee

- Commissioner Crawford commented that the Marina Survey was well done.

### Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Connolly Pacific has been contracted by the City to do the rebuild of the LBSM, using TetraTech as its engineer.
- The Beach Nourishment Program has been completed.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Vice Chairman Miller asked about the public address (PA) system at Marine Stadium.  
Mark Sandoval stated that the rules and regulations for Marine Stadium allow for use of a PA system, when approved by the director.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- A question was asked about funding by the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBWA) for the Belmont Pier. Mark Sandoval stated that there are a number of projects, which are being funded in different ways. The only potential DBAW funds would be for a loan for the mooring program.
- A question was asked about styrofoam on beaches, in response to other cities prohibiting styrofoam on the beaches. Mark Sandoval indicated that Long Beach has not discussed this, but that his impression is that it is a problem created in the entire Los Angeles Basin, requiring a State Legislative solution.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is set for June 10, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
City Clerk